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Illinois Department of Public Aid

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

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Title IV-D of the Social Security Act requires that all states have an effective child support enforcement program. The official child support agency for the State of Illinois is the Bureau of Resources and Support of the Department of Public Aid.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

Through the Bureau of Resources and Support the State of Illinois provides a parent location service which searches state and federal records in an attempt to locate an absent parent whose whereabouts are unknown. In conjunction with law enforcement officials and the court system, the Bureau of Resources and Support offers a child support enforcement service which:

1) Establishes the paternity of children born out of wedlock;
2) Obtains court orders for child support; and
3) Refers parents who are delinquent in their child support payments to the courts for legal enforcement.

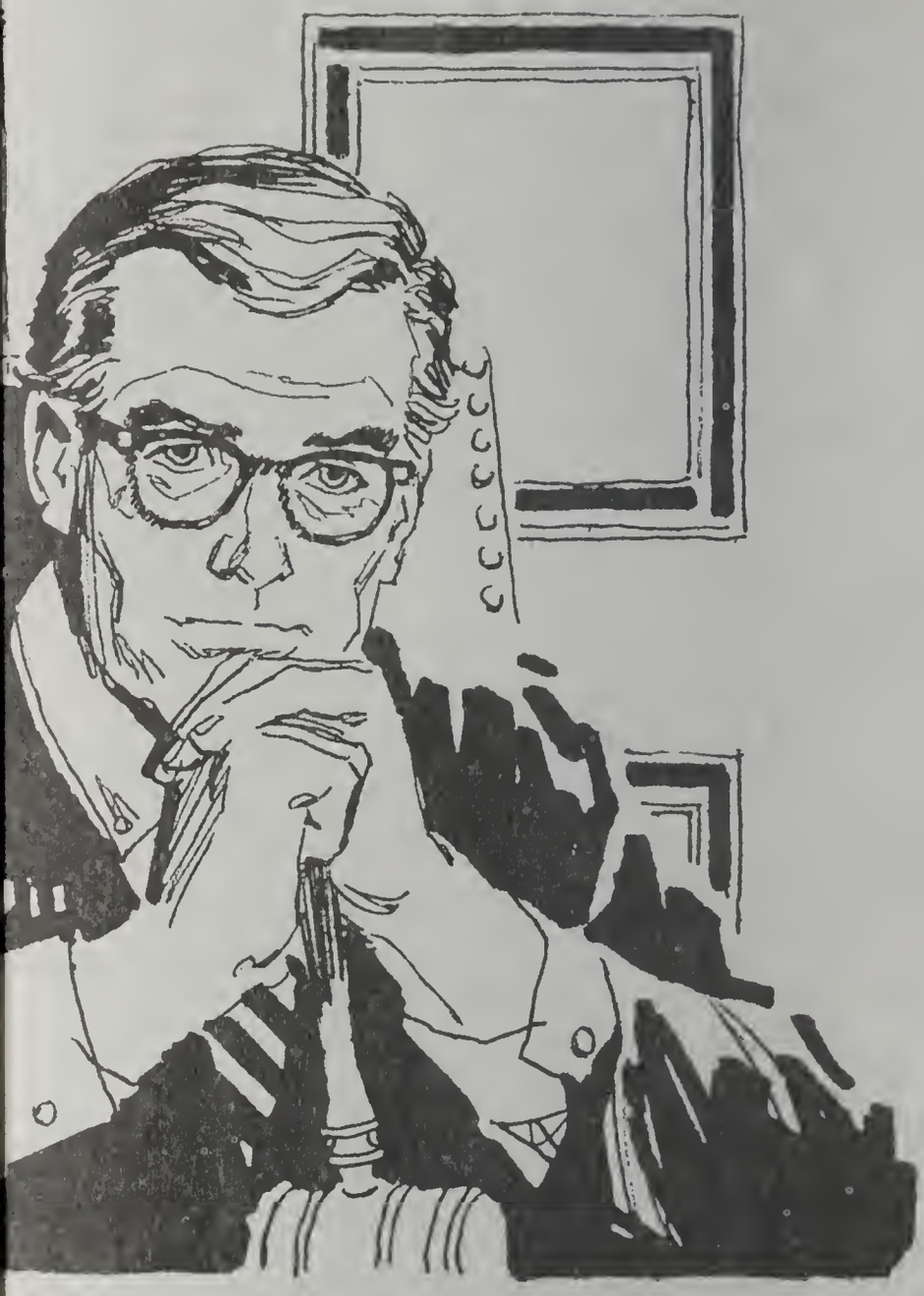
COST OF CHILD SUPPORT LOCATION AND ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

If you are an AFDC recipient, all of these services are provided at no cost. If you are not a public assistance recipient, these services are available for a reasonable fee which is determined by your gross income and family size. Contact your local public aid office if you desire these services.

AFDC APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS

If you are applying for or receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children because the children have been deserted or abandoned by one or both parents, you will be required to cooperate with the Illinois Department of Public Aid's child support enforcement program.

As a condition of your eligibility for assistance (but not the children's eligibility) you must cooperate with the Department of Public Aid in:



1) Assigning your rights to support for yourself and the children to the department.
2) Identifying and locating the absent parent(s) of the child(ren),
3) Establishing the paternity of a child born out of wedlock,
4) Mailing child support which you receive from an absent parent to the department, and
5) Obtaining child support payments or any other payments or property for any person applying for AFDC.

You must cooperate with the family support specialist, your caseworker and any other representative of the child support program. If you are requested to obtain blood tests or to appear in court, your cooperation is a condition of your own eligibility for AFDC. If, for a good reason, you cannot keep your appointment, you are to call the family support specialist before your appointment so other arrangements can be made.

If you receive child support from an absent parent for a child applying for or receiving AFDC, you will receive a reporting form during the application process and thereafter as necessary. On this form you are to indicate the amount of support received, whom it was from and which child(ren) it was for. This form and all the support received from the absent parent is to be mailed to the:

DIRECT PAY SUPPORT SERVICES
P.O. Box 909
Springfield, Illinois 62705

All checks and money orders are to be endorsed to or made payable to the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AID. Cash is not to be sent. If you do not report this support promptly and accurately, your caseworker will be notified and your AFDC grant may be cancelled.

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